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10k road race and fun run

Jacksonville Trails and Greenways Commission is sponsoring a 10K road race and a one mile fun run April 16 at the Jacksonville Commons Recreation Center.

The deadline for entry is Friday.

For more information, call 938-5307 or go to their Web site at www.ci.jacksonville.nc.us.

ATFP training exercise

Headquarters Marine Corps is conducting the North Carolina Regional Exercise here Friday and Saturday to test force protection and anti-terrorism measures

Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point's portion of the exercise is taking place on Friday, and in response to heightened force protection conditions there, New River is increasing force protection measures at the gates temporarily on Friday.

On Saturday, New River personnel are participating in their portion of the exercise. Onslow County Emergency Services are also expected to participate.

Increased activity to include temporary heightened force protection conditions at the gates may be expected on Saturday.

State of the Child Breakfast

On Friday, the Onslow County Partnership for Children, the Period Events and Entertainments Re-Creation Society Family Development Center and the Community Child Protection Team are hosting the 4th Annual State of the Child Breakfast.

This year's theme is "Together We Build Bright Futures."

The City of Jacksonville, Onslow County government Marine Corps Air Station New River and Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune officials are attending to deliver the Proclamation of Child Abuse Prevention Month for April 2005.

The breakfast is at the Infant

of Prague Parish Hall from 8 to 9:30 a.m.

A \$10 donation is sought for each participant attending this event.

For more information or to reserve a seat, call Renee Johnson at 938-7537.

Recruiter screening visit

Headquarters Marine Corps is conducting a Headquarters Recruiter Screening Team visit here April 13.

New River is one of several stops on their annual trek to meet the manpower requirements of Marine Corps Recruiting Command.

Three HRSTs from HQMC are now traveling to stateside and overseas installations to finalize the screening of Marines who have been pre-qualified for recruiting duty. In addition, the HRSTs will answer questions Marines may have about recruiting duty.

Call the unit career planner for more information.

Operation Clean Sweep

New River is having their annual Station-wide Spring Clean Sweep 2005 from April 18-23.

Volunteers are needed for April 23 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., to assist in the Station-wide clean up, which helps promote safety, health, wellness and overall appearance of the community here.

Volunteers can be individual servicemembers, civilians or entire shops.

For more information, call Kathy Zerba at 449-6307 or send an e-mail to kathy.zerba@usmc.mil.

Military health care meeting

Captain Richard C. Welton, Camp Lejeune Naval Hospital commanding officer, is hosting the Military Retiree Health Care Town Hall Meeting April 21 at 2 p.m. in classrooms A and B at the Naval Hospital.

The meeting is a chance for

military retirees to ask questions and raise concerns about issues important to them and their families.

For more information, contact the Hospital Public Affairs Office at 450-4463.

Ordnance open for lat moves

The Explosive Ordnance Disposal Program is looking for qualified lance corporals, corporals and sergeants to laterally move into the military occupational specialty field.

All interested lance corporals must be at least 21 years old and have two years time in service.

Corporals are accepted with any amount of time in service or time in grade.

All interested sergeants can have a maximum two years of time in grade.

Marines must have a general technical skills score of 110 or higher, cannot be color blind, cannot be claustrophobic and must be interviewed by an EOD officer.

For more information, call Chief Warrant Officer Whitlock or Gunnery Sgt. Carter at 449-2901.

Lost credit card information

In late December, the Bank of America lost back-up tapes containing privacy act information of government travel charge card holders.

The Bank of America has mailed notification letters to all account holders and has been monitoring all accounts for unusual activity, and they have established a dedicated response unit to assist affected account holders at 800-493-8444.

Read All Marine Message 012/05 for more information.

New pregnancy guidelines

Marine Administrative Message 133/05 clarifies revised guidelines concerning pregnant Marines and screenings for pregnancy before deployment that are

addressed in Marine Corps Order 5000.12E.

All units should refer to both the MARADMIN and the MCO before deploying female Marines to guarantee they are complying with the new guidelines.

Pen pals for those deployed

Americans who want to show support to our troops overseas can now become pen pals by going to <http://www.blackbeltacademy.biz/usmc/marines/index.cfm>.

The only obligation after that is to send their pen pal an e-mail note at least once a month. E-mail can be sent as often as desired, however.

Interested Marines can join by submitting their e-mail address to the pen pal Web site at <http://www.blackbeltacademy.biz/usmc/marines/index.cfm>.

Month of the Military Child

Since 1986, the Secretary of Defense has designated each April as "Month of the Military Child."

Commands are encouraged to plan appropriate activities during the month in youth centers and child development centers.

Safety video distribution

The Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps recently made two safety video clips.

They address motor vehicle accidents and mental fitness and suicide awareness.

Copies of the video clips are available at the Combat Information Center and can be obtained in VHS or DVD form.

For more information, call Gunnery Sgt. Small at 449-6676.

On the cover

A UH-1N Huey from Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron-162 (Rein.) hovers above the airfield March 26. HMM-162 deployed with the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable).



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NMCRS March fund drive has strong finish

Lance Cpl. Jeffrey A. Cosola
correspondent

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society completed the annual March Fund Drive benefiting active-duty Marines and Sailors here, with initial final reports that 663 Marines and Sailors, of an estimated 4,430, have donated \$30,839.84.

Sandi Isherwood, Station NMCRS director, applauded the outstanding support and coverage the Fund Drive garnered.

"This year has exceed our expectations," said Isherwood. "The command is really getting the word out there and it gave Marines and Sailors a real chance to donate."

The fund drive met expectations despite the Station dealing with constant deployments and the Easter holiday weekend, said Maj. Robert A. Thaler, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron executive officer.

"Squadrons are on deployment, and people are coming and going pretty regularly," said Thaler. "It's difficult, but people have been responsive to the drive and are working to help their fellow Marines and Sailors."

The NMCRS is there to assist families of those Marines and Sailors deployed for long periods of time, assuring that they are taken care of and to provide help to the Marine or Sailor in unexpected financial hardships, said Sergeant Maj. William H. Bly, Marine Aircraft Group-29 sergeant major.

"It's so important to know that there's an agency there that spouses know they can go to and get some help, whether it be financial or just some counseling," said Bly.

"A lot of Marines and Sailors, for over 100 years, have been keeping this society moving," said Isherwood. "They've always taken pride in taking care of their own and [the fund drive] is just one example of when they are truly taking care of their own."

The annual fund drive attempted to ensure that the NMCRS is able to continue to provide service to those Marines and Sailors most in need, said Isherwood.

"It continues only because the Marines and Sailors keep it going. If no money comes in, it's not going to be there for generations to come," said Isherwood. "You're not just helping your fellow Marine today or tomorrow. Years down the road you have to keep the organization going."

For more information or to make a donation contact your unit's NMCRS representative or contact the Station NMCRS at 449-6846.

26th MEU (SOC) deploys to Gulf

26th MEU (SOC) Public Affairs
contributor

The 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable) set sail in late March to assume the responsibilities as the nation's ready reserve force within European and Central Commands' areas of responsibility.

As America's "911 force in readiness," the MEU is prepared to support operations on a variety of fronts in the Global War on Terrorism, but most notably in Iraq, Afghanistan and the Horn of Africa.

"We will be ready for whichever [location] has our name on it," said Col. Thomas F. Qualls, 26th MEU (SOC) com-

manding officer.

This broad-based mission is aligned with traditional MEU deployments in which Marines and Sailors are poised for conducting contingency operations from forward, sea-based locations. Recent MEU deployments in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom have required that the units be sent directly from their home base into a specific theatre.

The 26th MEU (SOC) is deploying as the landing force for the Kearsarge Expeditionary Strike Group. In addition to USS Kearsarge, the strike group is comprised of the Ashland, Ponce, Gonzalez, Normandy, Kauffman and Scranton.

Well wishers say 'good-bye'

Pfc. Jonathan A. Tabb
correspondent



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Servicemembers from Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron-162 are given care packages before boarding helicopters and taking off to join the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable) March 26. The Golden Eagles will be assuming the responsibilities of the nation's ready reserve force with Marine Forces Europe and Marine Forces Central command, and have no approximate return date.

Marines from Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron-162 (reinforced) departed last week, and friends, family and well wishers were on hand to say goodbye.

"This will be my fourth deployment with the Marine Corps," said Petty Officer 2nd Class James S. Williams, HMM-162 corpsman.

"I am glad I was augmented only two weeks ago because I have greatly enjoyed each of my deployments with the Marine Corp," Williams said. "This is what I've always wanted to do with my life."

Judy Pitchford, United Service Organization of North Carolina president, along with the director of operations, Monique A. Allshouse, handed out care packages to the departing Marines.

"We've handed out more than twelve thousand packages since the beginning of this year," Pitchford explained. "It feels great to see the looks in their faces. They always say 'thank you'."

"I think the best part for me," Allshouse said, "is letting them know that people care. Showing them that there are perfect strangers in the world who care about what they're doing and the differences they make."

Corporal Ling A. Tsui, central technician publications librarian said he is glad he has the opportunity to deploy.

"I'm excited to go, to finally get out of here," he said. "I am really happy about what the USO is doing for (Marines). It makes me feel appreciated."

Servicemembers learn auto safety from pros

Lance Cpl. Brandon M. Gale
correspondent

The Driven2Dare Need for Speed Team presented a safety brief to Station servicemembers Friday at the Station Theater here.

Topics covered during the program included the best methods for purchasing an automobile, keeping correct tire alignment and pressure, and the advances in car safety that have resulted from professional racing such as improved seatbelts and crumple zones.

The ultimate goal of D2D Need for Speed, according to its Website, www.d2dracing.com, is to offer an in-depth overview of driving-safety techniques.

"Driven2Dare is a nonprofit community service organization that tries to raise driver-safety awareness by using the popularity of

NASCAR, which is the most popular spectator sport in the United States," said Liz Faddis, manager and coordinator. "It's a good way to reach people."

The approximately two-hour program was hosted by "the Car Guy," Dave Stall, writer and host of ESPN Radio's RPM Today, and 1st Sgt. Travis Hanson, 5th Battalion, 10th Marines, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, N.C. Hanson has been involved in racing since he was 16 years old, and he continues to take part in races around the region.

Stall said the response to the program has been "absolutely phenomenal," and that it has been presented to nearly 11,000 Marines during the last two weeks. The D2D team is currently on a 12-month tour of bases honoring military members and their families. They have been in the

Jacksonville area since March 21.

"I hope the audience learns to respect the highway and the people on it," said Jesse L. Turner, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron safety and occupational health specialist. "We are not the only ones out there; we share the road."

Turner, who was instrumental in bringing the Need for Speed program to New River, said he hopes the Marines learn that they can die on the road just as easily as they can in combat.

"We believe that if we can give one tip or piece of knowledge that will save a Marine's life or the life of someone they care about, then we are really doing something," said Faddis.

"The gratification I get by doing this is unbelievable," said Stall. "You have no idea how good this is."



courtesy photo

The Driven2Dare Need for Speed program teaches audiences the differences between race cars and streetcars. "The Car Guy" Dave Stall and 1st Sgt. Travis Hanson on Friday talked about auto safety and maintenance.

Corporals, sergeants, SNCO courses open to Station Marines

Lance Cpl. Michael Angelo
correspondent

Marines are made at Marine Corps recruit depots. They receive combat training at Marine Combat Training and job-specific training at their designated military occupational school. From there, Marines go to their duty stations and training ceases...or does it?

Marines who qualify are able to attend leadership courses and rank-specific professional military education programs to further training after their MOS school.

"The benefits of sending Marines to these courses are endless," said Master Gunnery Sgt. Purvis D. Lockett, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron sergeant major who hails from Memphis, Tenn. "The benefits greatly outweigh the time they are not at their shops."

Corporals Course is open to corporals and lance corporals with at least eight months time in grade. The Marine must be physically qualified for drill and physical training, free of obligations, meet weight control and military appearance standards and, of course, must be motivated.

The course covers duties expected of a Marine noncommissioned officer, including: conducting PT, squad drill, sword manual, hip pocket training, military justice, inspection preparation, history, customs, courtesies, proficiency and conduct marks, leave and earning statements, clothing and equipment inspection, leadership concepts, traits, principals and roles.

Corporals Course is about three weeks long, and those interested should use their chain of command to contact their squadron training section.

Sergeants who have completed Marine Corps Institute 8010, are in full duty status, and meet Marine Corps fitness and weight standards are eligible to attend the resident Sergeants Course.

The sergeant course hones the skills, knowledge and military judgment required of a Marine NCO. The information covered targets these areas of study – leadership, administration and battle skills.

Sergeants Course builds on the aspects covered in MCI 8010 and expounds on skills attained at corporals course. Some of the areas of study are: analytical thinking, communication and drill manual.

Like Corporals Course, Marines interested in obtaining information or attending should contact their squadron training section. Since the course is about six weeks long Marines should also use their chain of command to request permission.

"Since the courses are held on a first come, first serve basis,

Marines need to inquire as soon as they can," said Sgt. Christopher P. Kopp, H&HS training NCO.

Staff NCOs and staff sergeant selects must complete the SNCO MCI 8100 and 8200 in order to attend the SNCO Career Course and Advanced Course, respectively.

The SNCO career course focuses on conduct and the supervision of unit training, but also builds on some of the subjects covered at sergeants course.

The daily training regiment emphasizes Marine leadership at platoon and company level.

Another option for SNCOs is the advanced course, which focuses on battle leadership and management of unit training.

The course has three components, and all three components build off skills acquired in earlier courses and Marine Corps institute courses designed for SNCOs.

"This training empowers Marines to become better leaders and gives them an extra edge when going up for promotion," concluded Lockett.

Editor's note: Information for this story was obtained from Policy Number 104.



Cpl. Steven R. Sawyer

Lieutenant Colonel Richard B. Preble, Marine Aircrew Training Systems Squadron commanding officer, and VERAXX program director Chris Conrad cut the dedication ribbon for the AH-1W Super Cobra simulator upgrade during a ceremony held here Friday. VERAXX, a technology service company specializing in flight simulation, tactical environment networking, and interoperability systems, recently overhauled and upgraded the Stations Super Cobra full-motion simulators.

Former Marine motivates H&HS

Lance Cpl. Brandon M. Gale
correspondent

Approximately 150 Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron Marines gathered at the Station Theater March 23 to hear a motivational speech by former gunnery sergeant Jay Platt.

Platt enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1983 at 17 years old. During that time, he was among other things, a drill instructor at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C., and a combat water survival instructor. Blindness in one eye and a rare form of cancer led to his separation from the military after 14 years. He decided then to use the setbacks to prove that it's not what happens to a person that matters, but how that person responds to it.

"You can never choose what happens to you, but you can choose your response," he said.

According to his Web site, www.JayPlatt.com, he is now a speaker, author and coach who has hiked the 2,100-mile Appalachian Trail and continues to take part in marathons and extreme sports.

The message Platt hoped to relay to the audience was that the accomplishment of being a Marine is something that shouldn't be taken for granted. He said life is what you make of it, and the Marine Corps is what you make of it.

"Our attitude really and truly is our choice. I criss-cross the country talking to civilians all the time. They will never know the heights of being a Marine," he said.

The hour-long speech, consisting of Platt's life story and how he overcame his troubles to become the successful person he is today, was mixed with moments of both humor and seriousness. He said he hoped the Marines left the theater feeling re-inspired.

"Jay has had some incredible experiences," said Master Gunnery Sgt. Purvis D. Lockett, H&HS sergeant major. "He teaches the importance of attitude. We all need to learn to take negatives and turn them into positives."

Asking Platt to speak as part of the Easter liberty safety brief was a conscious effort on the part of the squadron to change its approach to safety stand-downs, said Lockett. He said it was an attempt to keep things interesting and give members of the squadron another perspective.

"I liked the way they approached it," said Lance Cpl. George S. Johnson, H&HS administration clerk from Madera, Calif. "It was nice to hear someone who didn't say the same things we hear at all the other safety briefings. It was pretty cool getting to hear that guy's story."

"The goal is to look inward," said Lockett. "If we make a personal change, then we all benefit."

After his speech, Platt was given a certificate, plaque and squadron coin by Maj. Robert A. Thaler, H&HS executive officer.

"I am passionate about what I do," Platt said before leaving the theater. "It is a way to give back for all that was given to me."

Station enforces regulations

Lance Cpl. Brandon M. Gale
correspondent

Many people here listen to music through headphones while taking part in physical training or walking from one place to another, and driving while talking on a cell phone is always a temptation.

In an effort to keep everyone safe, the Provost Marshals Office here are on the lookout for these dangerous activities.

"It's more of a safety issue than anything, because you can't hear what's going on around you," said Cpl. John P. Lopez of Houston, PMO traffic court liaison.

Air Station Order P5100.12G prohibits the use of headphones while exercising or walking. The concern for safety is also the reason for the law that forbids talking on a cell phone while driving.

Listening to music and talking on cell phones are distractions that can cause people to become careless and unaware of the situations around them.

"If you are wearing headphones, you are tuned out to everything else," said Lopez. "If you are walking to the PX, and a car locks up its brakes, are you going to hear it, or are you going to tune it out?"

"If it keeps Marines safe, it's a pretty good rule," said Corporal Adam D. Hackley of Grand Junction, Colo., ground electronics maintenance radar technician. "It helps people concentrate on the road."

According to Lopez, both rules have been in effect for many months.

"Now we are trying to get more enforcement," he said. Lopez said it probably has more to do with operational risk management than anything else.

However, both offenses carry different weight when it comes to their enforcement. Wearing headphones will get a person only a warning.

"If one of the MPs sees somebody, they will stop them and inform them of it," said Lopez. "We're not out to get people, just enforce the rules and regulations."

Talking on a cell phone while driving has a stiffer penalty. It can lead to a 30-day suspension of driving privileges.

Lopez said that being seen breaking either of the regulations is grounds for a military policeman to issue a citation for the violation.

MECEP, BOOST give enlisted Marines opportunity

Lance Cpl. Jeffrey A. Cosola
correspondent

A young Marine is walking around Station and turns a corner, confronted by an approaching figure. Nearly blinded by sun reflecting from the collar brass, the young Marine quickly snaps a windburn-inducing salute and renders the proper greeting of the day. This commonplace scene is reserved for our leadership, the officers, the best of the best.

Enlisted Marines with aspirations of challenging themselves to become one of the best have a few available resources. The Broadened Opportunity for Officer Selection and Training program and the Marine Enlisted Commissioning Education Program are two of the avenues offered to Marines interested in making the jump from enlisted to officer.

BOOST

The BOOST program provides qualified enlisted servicemembers an opportunity to quickly close the education gap, especially for those applicants who may not have prior college experience, said Gunnery Sgt. Jacquelyn D. Somers, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron career planner.

Once in the program, Marines attend a BOOST school in Newport, R.I., and the length of their school attendance depends on previous academic records and experience.

When finished with the BOOST program, most Marines choose the MECEP option to earn their commission. The Marines have the option to

attend any university with a Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps program, and they attend OCS the summer after their first year of school.

MECEP

The MECEP program sends qualified applicants to college, where they will receive their bachelor's degree and earn a commission. The program is designed for those candidates who demonstrate they are most ready to become officers, explained Somers.

"The program is for those enlisted Marines that have college credits or are ready to go to school," said Somers. "The program provides a better opportunity for Marines to get an education and become an officer."

Retired Major John C. Sharp, Coastal Carolina Community College education representative here, urges those who qualify and want to make the Corps a career to take advantage of the program.

"If they think they have what it takes to become an officer, then MECEP is an excellent program to consider," said Sharp. "They need to start early and apply often."

BENEFITS

Enlistment-training experience can often provide Marines with more confidence and leadership skills than Officers Candidates School alone, said Somers. Prior experiences can aide young officer candidates in conquering the challenges of OCS.

"I fully promote enlisted Marines becoming officers. It's better to have an officer that's prior enlisted rather than someone who might be fresh out

of college with no experience," said Somers. "Coming from both sides of the house just makes a stronger officer."

Earning a degree while maintaining their status as a full-time Marine is an excellent way to accelerate a career, said Lance Cpl. David J. Flaherty, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron data network systems technician and BOOST applicant.

"BOOST allows you to get a degree while being a full-time Marine," said Flaherty. "Above all, it's the best way for enlisted Marines to get their commission."

Both MECEP and BOOST offer a chance for Marines to earn their commission while pay, allowance and promotion opportunities remain uninterrupted.

"It's definitely a bonus to get paid to go to (college)," said Somers.

In addition, the programs offer long-term payoffs for Marines serving their time in the Corps, said Sharp.

"(The programs) send you to school," said Sharp. "What's better, an honorable discharge and no education or an honorable discharge and a four-year degree?"

REQUIREMENTS

According to Marine Administrative Message 048/05, BOOST applicants must be United States citizens and be able to possess and maintain a secret security clearance. They must also have completed one year of active service, have a high school diploma, score at least 70

on the Armed Forces Qualification Test or score at least 900 on the Scholastic Aptitude Test.

Requirements for MECEP found in Marine Administrative Message 047/05 concerning the 2006 MECEP program: Applicants must have attained the rank of corporal and have a score of at least 74 on the Armed Forces Qualification Test or score at least 1000 on the Scholastic Aptitude Test or 45 on the American College Test.

Interested Marines must also be less than 26 years old on July 1, 2005, have at least a first class physical fitness test score and be financially stable enough to live independently from the military.

Marines also need to have at least six years of active service left, or they must extend their enlistment prior to departing their command to meet the four years of active service required after MECEP training is complete.

The BOOST program requires at least three years of active service left, or Marines will have to extend their enlistment.

Applicants applying for the MECEP and BOOST programs must have a complete package containing all transcripts, SAT or ACT scores and a completed medical evaluation. All MECEP applicants must also have a letter of acceptance from a college following selection into the program.

For more information on the BOOST or MECEP programs contact your unit's career retention specialist.

 **Save your own life, wear a seatbelt** 

Awards and Promotions

Marine Wing Support Squadron-272

Promotions
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Cpl. D. C. Nokes
Cpl. J. M. Stephens
Cpl. A. T. Tullos

Certificate of Appreciation
Cpl. J. W. Forston

Certificate of Commendation
Cpl. J. M. Graham
Cpl. A. G. Ortiz

Meritorious Mast
Lance Cpl. R. C. Umerley

Letter of Appreciation
Sgt. B. T. Nolte
Cpl. K. M. Webster
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MAG-wide field meet includes 2,700 ‘War Eagles’

Story and photos by
Lance Cpl. Michael Angelo
correspondent

Marine Aircraft Group-29 hosted what may have been one of the largest field meet events in Marine Corps history last Friday at the Station football field, said Col. Mark D. Mahaffey, MAG-29 commanding officer who hails from Reynoldsburg, Ohio.

Approximately 2,700 “War Eagles” began the day with a two-mile motivational run around the Station and then gathered to compete in nine events.

“As Marines, I think we are all a little competitive,” said MAG-29 sergeant major and Norfolk, Va., native, Sgt. Maj. William H. Bly Jr. “The field meet is a great way to build a sense of unit cohesion and camaraderie.”

Within recent months, MAG-26 Headquarters and some of the squadrons were deployed. MAG-26 prompted MAG-29 to adopt the remaining MAG-26 squadrons and include them in MAG-wide operations – including the field meet, said Mahaffey.

“There can be tension between the squadrons and the MAGs when a headquarters element deploys,” said Mahaffey. “Part of the reason we wanted to have the field meet was to give the MAG-26 squadrons a sense of belonging.”

There were trophies for each event and a silver cup for the overall winning squadron. In addition, there were 2,600 slabs of ribs donated by Fort Smith Barbeque Society, located in Fort Smith, Ark.

“The goal of the event was to get Marines away from the daily grind of things,” said Bly. “It gave them a chance to get away from their shops for a day, tell some stories and eat some chow.”

Bly added that the success of the field meet relied heavily on the individual squadron sergeants major. He said he would like to make the field meet an annual event, taking place in the spring every year.

The event was a triumph, said Mahaffey. It followed the precedence MAG-29 has set to encourage the “War Eagles” to bond with their fellow Marines, and as Mahaffey said, “it was motivating as hell.”



Colonel Mark D. Mahaffey, Marine Aircraft Group-29 commanding officer, and Sgt. Maj. William H. Bly Jr., MAG-29 sergeant major, lead 2,700 “War Eagles” in a two-mile motivational run last Friday. The Marines began the day with the run before conducting a MAG-wide field meet at the Station football field. In his 27 year career, Mahaffey said he never heard of an entire MAG participating in a field meet.

440 Relay Race



“This is the event that made today so great.”

Sgt. Bernardo A. Lundy
Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron-29,
aviation supply clerk
West Palm Beach, Fla.

Mighty Mike Push



“The only way to have gone any faster would have been to put a motor on it.”

Sgt. Maj. James W. Sutton
Marine Helicopter Training Squadron-302,
squadron sergeant major,
Pleasanton, Texas

Chock Toss



“(The field meet) built great camaraderie within the MAG. I hope we can do it again.”

Sgt. Christopher M. Burris
Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron-29,
hydraulic work center supervisor,
Springfield, Ohio

Dizzy Izzy



“It was pretty motivating to get together and compete.”

Cpl. Derik D. Johnson
Heavy Marine Helicopter
Squadron-461,
avionics technician,
Miller Grove, Texas

“It makes sense that we won (the tug of war) since we are a heavy lift squadron.”

Sgt. Maj. Larry C. Jones
Marine Heavy Helicopter
Squadron-461,
squadron sergeant major,
Washington D.C.

Tug of War



Don't drink and drive, instead 'Arrive Alive'

'Rising' to the challenge: Navy pilot flies Osprey

Cpl. Jeffrey A. Everitt
correspondent

Lieutenant Commander Matthew W. Rising, Marine Tiltrotor Test and Evaluation Squadron-22 projects officer, is the only naval pilot on Station training to help the Marine Corps test the Osprey.

This native of Stow, Mass., said he was in "the right place at the right time" when the Navy was choosing a pilot to send to VMX-22 who could give a different perspective on the testing and evaluation of the Osprey.

"Because of his professionalism, fleet heavy lift experience and experience as a CH-53 developmental test pilot, Commander Operational Test and Evaluation Force elected to send Lt. Cmdr. Rising to VMX-22," said Lt. Col. Paul Ryan, VMX-22 maintenance officer from Prescott, Ariz.

"One day I received an e-mail from a Navy captain I knew asking if I wanted to participate in the Osprey testing," said Rising, a graduate of the U.S. Navy Test Pilot School.

Now, he is in the process of learning to fly the Osprey.

However, Rising said he would not be here without the training he received from USNTPS.

"It was the hardest and the best training I have received from the Navy," added Rising.

According to Rising, USNTPS is a one-year school centered around teaching the fundamentals of basic test and developmental aspects of new aircraft.

The Web site says USNTPS provides instruction to experienced pilots, flight officers and engineers in the processes and techniques of aircraft and systems test and evaluation. The school also investigates and develops new flight test techniques, publishes manuals for use by the aviation test community for standardization of flight test techniques and project reporting, and conducts special projects.

Rising said three other pilots at VMX-22 have been through the course. They are: Commanding Officer Col. Glenn M.

Walters, and Osprey pilots Lt. Col. Chris Seymour and Lt. Col. Paul Ryan.

According to Maj. Joseph A. Woodward, Assistant Operational Test Director, VMX-22, from East Lyme, Conn., Rising flew the MH-53, or CH-53E Super Stallion, in the Navy prior to joining VMX-22.

Rising said there are several major differences between flying an Osprey and flying a CH-53E Super Stallion. He said two of these differences are the tiltrotors and the cockpit.

"The tiltrotors add another dimension to the standard cyclic, collective and pedal flying that helicopter pilots do," said Rising. "Now it's cyclic, collective, pedals and nacelles. It's amazing what your left thumb can make this aircraft do. I say that because your left thumb is what controls the angle of the nacelles."

He also said there is a transition from steam gauges to a glass cockpit.

"What that means is that the CH-53 has one discreet gauge or light on the dashboard for each parameter you'd like to monitor. With a glass cockpit, you can electronically display each parameter you'd like to monitor on a computer display screen, and the number of 'pages' that can be called up for display is limited only by what the design engineers and pilots decide together is sufficient," stated Rising.

Rising said he is just here to offer the Marine Corps a different perspective on how to better test the abilities of this new aircraft.

"I am happy to be here and hope I can continue to be active in the MV-22 program in the future," he said.



Lance Cpl. Brandon M. Gale

Lieutenant Commander Matthew W. Rising, Marine Tiltrotor Test and Evaluation Squadron-22 projects officer and Stow, Mass., native, stands in front of an MV-22 Osprey outside the VMX-22 hangar March 30. Rising plays a major role in testing the Osprey for the Marine Corps.



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Promotions Lance Cpl. J. C. Stanley		Air Medal Staff Sgt. A.C. Potter	Letter of Appreciation Lance Cpl. N. M. Hutzler Pfc. B. A. Horton	Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron
Marine Medium Tiltrotor Training Squadron-204	Good Conduct Medal Staff Sgt. T. A. Rush Sgt. J. D. Brixey Sgt. J. D. Smith	Navy Marine Corps Commendation Medal Staff Sgt. J.C. Goodnight	Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron-261	Promotions Sgt. J. A. Hagaman Sgt. B. H. McSwain Cpl. J. R. Neuer Lance Cpl. A. Cabraldebarros Lance Cpl. A. M. Flowers Lance Cpl. A. N. Littrell
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MATSS leading aviation industry with ICLE

Cpl. Steven R. Sawyer
correspondent

Marine Aircrew Training Systems Squadron here, the unit responsible for all of the Station flight and control simulators, is taking the next step in aviation crew training.

The Interactive Cockpit Learning Environment, a PC-based system using aviation industry components, uses an open-air, modified MV-22 Osprey cockpit, set in a classroom environment.

Through the combined efforts of MATSS technicians and experts in the aviation industry, the ICLE was designed, approved and built to become the next generation in Cockpit Systems Management sim-

ulations, according to Naval Air Systems Command's MV-22 Simulation Team Lead and ICLE co-creator Brad Smith, and is scheduled to be completed and ready for training purposes later this year.

"Based on our experiences at NavAir, we were hearing a lot of chatter and perceived necessity for exclusive CSM training," said Smith, a Jacksonville, N.C., native. "We decided to take a lot of other projects and fold them into a single system."

Addressing CSM training is an important task for Marine Medium Tiltrotor Training Squadron-204, said Maj. Vince R. Martinez, assistant operations officer, from Santa Fe, N.M., due to the major adjust-

ments pilots must make to become comfortable with the Osprey's computer-controlled cockpit, or CSM.

"Basically, it's a high fidelity cockpit simulation, not unlike the larger full-motion devices housed at MATSS, which allows pilots and crew chiefs to become comfortable with the CSM," said Smith. "The largest difference is that there isn't a motion or visual system as there is in the standard simulators."

According to Maj. Daniel P. McGovern, Marine Medium Tiltrotor Training Squadron-204 executive officer and native of Needham, Mass., cockpit simulation isn't a new idea, however, the ICLE is much less expensive to train with because it is non-motion and does not have the full visual

capability of standard MV-22 simulators.

Expense is just the beginning of a long list of benefits the ICLE can soon offer, according to Brett N. Ulander, VMMT-204 senior crew resource management analyst and Raleigh, N.C., native.

"The ICLE isn't just a simulator. It's a classroom with a simulator in it," said Ulander. "With this environment we can have an instructor teaching a student in front of many students, all of whom are retaining the information in a more efficient manner, saving valuable training time and money."

Beyond being strictly a CSM trainer, the ICLE also has potential research opportunities, according to Martinez.

"The smart guys over at MATSS are engineering the ICLE to capture and record pilot performance during training," said Martinez.

"Our goal is to deliver to the fleet units a standard level of student," said Ulander. "To do this, we are using a program called 'FlightViz,' which allows us to record each of the students movements and actions, and ultimately, quantify that data."

According to Martinez, quantified data is the key to making science out of the "art" of flying.

"The theory behind recording the students is to be able to set a standard for pilots. If we get an experienced pilot to do a set of exercises, we can then compare a

new pilots data with that taken from the experienced one, determining exactly where the new pilot stands, skill wise," explained Martinez.

FlightViz, which tracks each of the pilot's keystrokes and computer-based movements, isn't the only way students will be analyzed.

"With the ICLE is coming the head and eye tracking device, a non-obtrusive system which measures head and pupil movements," said Ulander. "This let's us track exactly where a student is looking during an exercise."

"It's difficult to capture aircrew performance," said Martinez. "In the past, students would have an instructor or observer next to them, monitoring their actions. However, they also have to pay attention to the gauges and flight of the aircraft, oftentimes to be prepared to pilot the aircraft in an emergency."

"With the new research methods, which will be instituted and used first on the ICLE, we will be able to analyze a student pilot better and diagnose potential problems after the fact with actual recorded data."

The ICLE is scheduled to be up and running in November, said Ulander, and from there, the possibilities are limitless.

"The incredible thing about the system is that if we validate its usefulness in the MV-22 program, we can utilize it for multiple platforms: civilian and military," said Ulander.

The Short-Timers: “Full Metal Jacket” inspiration

Lance Cpl. Brandon M. Gale
correspondent

“The Short-Timers,” by Gustav Hasford, is a fictionalized account of a Marine’s time in boot camp at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C., and his subsequent tour in Vietnam.

If the title sounds unfamiliar, but the story rings a bell, it’s because the book was the source for the Stanley Kubrick film, “Full Metal Jacket.”

Despite the fact that most Marines have seen the film, many are unaware of the great book that introduced such characters as Joker, Cowboy and Private Pyle.

Hasford wrote the novel based on his recollections as a Marine Corps combat correspondent. He enlisted in 1967 and served in Vietnam with the 1st Marine Division.

After completing his time in service, Hasford began his career as a professional writer. Published in 1979, “The Short-Timers” took seven years to write and went through 25 different drafts. The initial critical reception was extremely positive.

The Los Angeles Times called it, “A savage, unforgiving look at a savage, unforgivable time,” and the Philadelphia Inquirer called it, “Extraordinary.” However, the novel didn’t sell well and was quickly out of print.

Director Stanley Kubrick did read the book, and the rest is cinematic history.

While the film version stays moderately faithful to the book, there are many great parts that were left out.

Perhaps the biggest change was the deletion of the last third of the story, in which Joker offends a superior officer and is transferred to an infantry unit.

This ending, in my opinion, leads to a better, less abrupt ending than the movie delivers. The fates of many of the supporting characters are also quite different.

The book is a short 154 pages and can be described as a quick read. The writing flows smoothly and is very easy to understand. It’s the feelings one gets from the writing that can be very disturbing.

The nature of the characters and the acts they perform can only be described as brutal.

The language is graphic, and no detail is spared. From the beginning of the story on Parris Island, to the conclusion set during the siege at Khe Sahn, the realism and frenzied pace of the story never ceases.

I would recommend the book to fans of “Full Metal Jacket” or anyone interested in Vietnam fiction.

“The Short-Timers” is a roller-coaster ride that doesn’t disappoint.

The book was re-published to coincide with the release of the movie, but is once again out of print. However, it can be easily purchased from the Web sites of most booksellers.



“Short Timers” by Gustav Hasford was the inspiration for the film “Full Metal Jacket” directed by Stanley Kubrick.

RotoView

If you were faced with the same situation as Terri Schiavo, what would your wishes be concerning your right to die?



“What’s life worth living if you’re not living it? We should let someone rest in peace.”

Lance Cpl. Patrick M. Casto
Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron-29,
avionics technician,
Tulsa, Okla.

“In the same position, I would want the right to choose.”

Petty Officer 1st Class Shawn A. Scott
Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training,
instructor,
Greenville, Mo.



“I wouldn’t want to live like that.”

Sgt. Mary J. Huddleston
Marine Wing Support Squadron-272,
refueler,
Ft. Worth, Texas

“It should be discussed ahead of time. It’s up to the family.”

Staff Sgt. Frankie Yournet
Marine Helicopter Training Squadron-302,
maintenance analyst,
Brooklyn, N.Y.



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Navy Achievement Medal
Sgt. D. J. Spaulding
Lance Cpl. S. E. Jensen

Navy Commendation Medal
Gunnery Sgt. J. D. Santiago

**Marine Heavy Helicopter
Squadron-464**

Promotions
Lance Cpl. H. G. Hamilton III
Lance Cpl. L. A. Jaskula

**Marine Medium Helicopter
Squadron-263**

Promotions
Capt. E. A. Okoreeh-Baah
Sgt. B. K. Layer
Sgt. R. J. Shear
Cpl. J. R. Dunn
Cpl. T. R. Kuusalu

**Marine Aircraft Group-29
Headquarters**

Promotions
Cpl. C. J. McNear

**Marine Heavy Helicopter
Squadron-461**

Promotions
Staff Sgt. R. L. Strzalkowski
Staff Sgt. J. M. White
Sgt. J. R. Row
Cpl. M. L. Felton
Pfc. D. M. Acosta

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Squadron-29**

Promotions
Sgt. W. R. Graham
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Sgt. Z. L. Meyer
Sgt. K. W. Sowell Jr.
Cpl. P. L. Barnoski
Cpl. J. D. Dukette
Cpl. E. E. Estock
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Lance Cpl. A. M. Flowers
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Lance Cpl. Michael Angelo
correspondent

“Mission complete” to some squadrons may be the successful return of every Marine from a deployment, providing effective logistical support or passing a successful evaluation of a new helicopter part.

To more than 500 Station Marines and Sailors, mission complete means successful maintenance and operation of facilities. It also means providing services and materials to support operations of the 2nd Marine Aircraft

Wing units and it’s other activities and units as designated by the Commandant of the Marine Corps, according to the Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron mission statement.

The squadron is divided into different sections, each providing their own services which benefit the entire Station and all tenant commands, according to the Station Web site, www.newriver.usmc.mil.

“H&HS is critical to implementing the Station’s mission,” said Lt. Col. Gregory F. Kleine, H&HS com-

manding officer from El Centro, Calif. “The squadron provides the bodies, expertise and care to run the Station’s functions and support all of the units and families aboard New River.”

Each section of H&HS provides services for the entire Station and all tenant commands here.

Installation Personnel Administrative Center

IPAC’s mission is to consolidate personnel administrative functions within a centralized location supporting Fleet Marine Force units aboard

the Station. IPAC’s functions are similar to a human resources division of a company with extended capabilities. Some of the services are: provide technical training for all administrators here, provide personnel replacements for units aboard the Station and maintain important records such as training, education, entitlements, insurance and service record books, according to Master Sgt. James W. Gray, IPAC staff noncommissioned officer-in-

Marines from Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting perform a training exercise on the flight line March 31 focused on fire suppression and pilot extraction. The ARFF team is responsible for ensuring the safety of Marines, Sailors and civilians during emergency situations on board the Station.



Lance Cpl. Brandon M. Gale

charge from Annapolis, Md.

Memorial Chapel

The Chaplains Office offers marriage and personal counseling, worship services, baptisms, weddings, funerals and a dinner for dependents of deployed Marines, according to Petty Officer 1st Class Aaron D. Painter, religious program specialist from Dallas.

Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting

ARFF provides fire protection for all the Station’s aircraft. They ensure the safety of Marines in the event of a crash and work hand-in-hand with the civilian firefighters when there is a fire on Station, said Gunnery Sgt. James G. Vanover, crash chief from Princeton, Ky.

Dining Facility

The “chow hall” feeds all Marines, Sailors and civilians on the Station four meals a day. The cooks work during holidays and at odd hours to ensure that as long as there are Marines here, they can receive a hot meal, according to mess hall liaisons Master Sgt. Tyrone Hill from Pittsburgh, and Gunnery Sgt. James Santiago from Bronx, N.Y.

Station Fuels

Fuels handles all hot and cold refueling of Station aircraft, as well as providing gas for all government vehicles, said Staff Sgt. William Wallace, SNCOIC of fuels from Fort Hood,



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Lance Cpl. Allen Putnam, Military Police District augment from Rome, N.Y., waves a car in at the Station's front gate March 9. The MPD is not only responsible for maintaining the security of the Station, but also enforces Station policy.

Texas. In short, the fuels section handles all the storage, handling and distribution of fuel on the Station, he said.

Joint Law Center

All Marines from the Station who require legal services of any kind should seek help from the Joint Law Center, said Gunnery Sgt. Donald V. Koenes, legal services chief from Wheaton, Mo. The Joint Law Center covers legal services for military justice, administrative separations, Judge Advocate General cases and assists deploying Marines with wills and power of attorney, he added.

Marine Corps Community Services

MCCS personnel help coordinate the Station’s special events as well as maintain the grounds, facilities and Station Marina. There are also three staff noncommissioned officers working at the Marine Family Services Center as counselors, said Gunnery Sgt. Lee T. Comtois, MCCS operations chief and Pinconning, Mich., native.

Supply

Station Supply manages all of the base funds, assets and credit cards, said Staff Sgt. Christopher J. Nuttall, supply chief from Detroit. Supply also orders all the furniture and Station property – anything with a serial number.

Captain Michael Zimmerman, chief trial counselor from Cincinnati, and Cpl. LindsayJ. Eccles, legal services specialist from Philadelphia, review case details of an upcoming court martial March 9. The Joint Law Center assists Station Marines with many legal matters.

Corporal Thomas S. Manges, outbound section personnel clerk from Painesville, Ohio, makes an entry in the unit diary March 9. From separations to service record book maintenance, IPAC handles all of the Station’s administration needs.

Logistics

S-4 manages all facilities and planning here. They provide Station organizations the necessary facilities to complete their missions, translate space requirements into total facility requirements needed to provide support for tenant units, personnel and equipment, and ensure all facilities receive satisfactory sustainment to keep the facilities in good working order during their service life, said Staff Sgt. Eric G. Wilson, motor transportation liaison from Washington Court House, Ohio.

Station Communications

Communications controls all of the Station’s network domains, all of the infrastructure to support the network and is the hub of the Station’s phone service. They are currently handling the Navy Marine Corps Intranet cut-over and act as liaison between Station personnel and NMCI employees, said Staff Sgt. David J. Ault, S-6 SNCOIC from Oologah, Okla.

Post Office

Marines who work in the Post Office ensure all mail is delivered to all Station personnel and forward mail to squadrons deployed in support of ongoing operations as well as support-

(Right) Lance Cpl. Jeremy R. Packer, technical data network specialist from Lewistown, Pa., inventories computer servers for the Navy Marine Corps Intranet on March 9. Station S-6 is assisting NMCI personnel with the systems changeover. (Below) Marines and Sailors wait in line at the Station dining facility. The “chow hall” is operated by Headquarters Squadron and Department of Defense employees, with augmentees from Marine Wing Support Squadron-272.



Lance Cpl. Ezekiel R. Kitandwe



Lance Cpl. Michael Angelo

ing Marine

Expeditionary Units, said Gunnery Sgt. William C. Elver, post office SNCOIC from Mt. Horeb, Wisc.

Ground Electronics

Ground electronics maintains, supports and repairs all airfield navigational aids, radar, communications and weather equipment based here. They also maintain and dispatch the Mobile Incident Command Center, provide mobile radio assets for the Military Police District and all airfield personnel and provide communications services for the Station’s squadrons, said Staff Sgt. Rocky L. Alexander, GEMD NCOIC.

Air Traffic Control

The mission of ATC is to provide for the safe, orderly and expeditious flow of air traffic arriving and departing the New River airfield and operating in its assigned air space. They operate the air traffic control tower and a radar air traffic control facility, which monitors traffic requesting radar service and is especially helpful during adverse weather, said Gunnery Sgt. Paul J. Pillow, ATC SNCOIC from Gardiner, Maine.

Meteorology and Oceanography Center

The METOC weather center does more than report and predict the weather in the Jacksonville area; they monitor weather patterns worldwide. A few of the other services they provide are: reports for flight, liberty and hurricane briefs and preparation of advanced refractive environmental prediction briefs and chemical downwind messages, said Chief Warrant Officer Ann E. Lassiter, METOC OIC.

Military Police District

The military police are responsible for proving security for all of the Station’s assets and personnel. They are also the Station’s means of enforcing policy, said Gunnery Sgt. Woodrow C. Owens, operations chief from Albany, Ga.

Joint Public Affairs Office

The mission of JPAO is to inform the public, Marines and Sailors, civilians and family members of the missions, organization, performance and activities of the U.S. Marine Corps, MCAS New River and the elements of the 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing stationed here, said Master Sgt. Brenda S. Donnell, public affairs chief from Connersville, Ind. JPAO also includes the Combat Visual Information Center, which provides video and photographic coverage of historically significant events, as well as promotion, command board and other forms of studio photography, including passport photographs. They also manage the Station’s Indoor Simulated Marksmanship Trainer, said Gunnery Sgt. Richard Small, CVIC SNCOIC from Savannah, Ga.



Lance Cpl. Michael Angelo

MALS-29 staff sergeant sets example, strives for excellence at home and work

Pfc. Jonathan A. Tabb
correspondent

The Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron-29 support equipment asset manager, was not always a successful Marine, wife and mother. From drugs and theft to becoming a Marine, Staff Sgt. Amelia E. Crisp said she is thankful for the life she now has.

Crisp was born in Lackawanna, N.Y., but moved to Buffalo, N.Y., when she was 12 years old.

According to Crisp, her mother was a single parent raising three children and her father was a heroine addict.

"We moved to Buffalo, on the east side, or inner-city, when I was eleven or twelve. We would move every year or so until my mother got a break and bought a 'hood house,' which is where you get a house for something like five hundred dollars and fix it up," Crisp explained.

As a teenager in Buffalo, Crisp said she wanted more out of life, and the only way she knew how to get it was to just take it.

"It wasn't the right way, but I thought it was at the time," she said.

Crisp estimates that she was arrested about 20-25 times, and getting pregnant at 19 did not help change her ways.

"One time the police officers had to drive me to a friend's house to drop off my son before taking me to jail," she said.

That friend was Pamela Morrison. Crisp and Morrison had grown up together and Crisp said Morrison was always the friend that would tell her, "No, don't do that."

"Pam was my rock. If I could depend on anybody, I could depend on her," she explained. "She was always a reasonable person that I had on my side."

Crisp said she finally realized she needed to change her ways when she found out her son was already "potty-trained," and she had had nothing to do with it.

It wasn't for another few years that Crisp made the decision to join the Corps.

"I went to the (Military Entrance Processing Station) for the Army but was turned down because of my past," Crisp said. "When I was leaving a Marine recruiter pulled me aside and told me he could get me in." He did.

Crisp has been in the Marine Corps for 16 years and said she plans on retiring and becoming a stay at home mom.

"I have never stayed home with my kids," she explained. "I would like to take my retirement and be there for my youngest son, Christopher."

Throughout her career Crisp has been awarded a Navy Commendation Medal, three Navy Achievement Medals, two National Defense Medals, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal and the Overseas Service Ribbon.

Gunnery Sgt. Curtis R. Wilson, MALS-29 Individual Material Readiness List division chief and Crisp's immediate supervisor, said he has never known a more hard-working Marine.

"I have known Staff Sergeant Crisp many years. We've worked together for at least the last nine years," the

Gettysburg Penn., native explained.

"In all the years I have known her I haven't found a more professional Marine. Her work ethic is well beyond reproach; you can't beat it," he explained. "Anybody that has ever worked for her will tell you she sets the example."

Crisp has been married for ten years to Master Sgt. James Crisp, Marine Tactical Air Command Squadron-28 operations chief and said she looks forward to more good things in her future.

According to Crisp, she likes to go back home and talk to some of the inner-city youth there to ensure their future is as bright as hers.

"I tell them you only live once and you're not coming back," she said. "I try to steer them toward the military and tell them not to sit around and worry about what is not happening. I tell them to get up and make something happen."

According to her husband, Crisp is a great example for young adults to look at.

"I think her life is a testament that regardless of the things you may go through in life, if you're persistent, consistent and above all keep faith in God, you can turn your life around and actually be happy," he explained.



courtesy photo

Staff Sgt. Amelia E. Crisp seen here in a family photo with husband Master Sgt. James Crisp and her children.

No excuses, ever; sexual harassment unacceptable

Lance Cpl. Michael Angelo
correspondent

It's as easy as a traffic light. Green means ok, yellow means caution, and red means stop.

The Marine Corps sexual harassment policy is clearly drawn out, concise and easy to understand; yet Marines continue to fail in comprehending the subject, and sexual harassment remains a problem, said Staff Sgt. Nichole K. Jacobs, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron equal opportunity representative.

Marine Corps Order 1000.9 states the Marine Corps' views on sexual harassment. In addition to the MCO, all commanders have their own policies and punishments for sexual harassment, and these can be easily acquired by checking with the squadron EOR.

Yet, Marines still claim they weren't given this information.

"The biggest reason we hear from Marines accused of sexual harassment is, 'I didn't know,'" said Jacobs. "Education remains the best way to nip this in the bud."

Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C., hosts a variety of classes to educate Marines on the subject, and enrollment is encouraged at individual shop and squadron levels. Each squadron has quotas to fill in the enrollment of these classes, said Jacobs.

The classes, which are primarily for training EORs, are open to any Marine interested in the infor-

mation, and reserving a seat can be arranged through the squadron EOR, she said.

Aside from formal classes, individual shops may request sexual harassment classes.

"The EO representatives can go to individual shops and conduct training classes, which will be marked down as annual training," said Jacobs.

An online sexual harassment tutorial is at www.marine.net. It can be accessed by going to the business section and then to the human resources section.

"Marines are made to attend safety stand-downs, and the majority of the audience is E-5 and below. We need to make sure all Marines get this information. Old Corps or new, this needs to get out," she said.

Along with education, communication is another means to put an end to sexual harassment, said Master Gunnery Sgt. Purvis D. Lockett, H&HS sergeant major from Memphis, Tenn.

"Communicate concerns and have the moral courage to address the issue at the lowest level as early as possible," said Lockett. "The longer a Marine takes to address the issue, the longer it persists, and it becomes harder to correct."

Jacobs said, with the amount of information on the subject and the knowledge to correct the behavior, there shouldn't be Marines saying, "I didn't know."

HRST's to screen Marines

Staff Sgt. Marc Avalin
contributor

Seldom do you hear that recruiting duty is a cakewalk.

However, most Marines who have been down that road will affirm their experiences have been highly rewarding.

If you want to improve your chances for promotion, want a break from your military occupational specialty or want to help shape the future of the Corps, the opportunity is coming your way this spring.

Headquarters Marine Corps conducts two Headquarters Recruiter Screening Team visits annually in order to meet the manpower requirements of Marine Corps Recruiting Command.

From April 4-15, HRSTs from HQMC will travel to stateside and overseas installations to finalize the screening of Marines who have been prequalified for recruiting duty.

From this screening, approximately 1,200 Marines will be selected for recruiting duty.

"The future of filling the Corps' ranks lies with those Marines who can make a difference by dedicating their time and effort to recruiting qualified men and women desiring to become a Marine," said Master Gunnery Sgt. Preston E. Ford, the career recruiter monitor, MCRC. "During these visits, we will screen

for Marines who will step up to the challenge and make that difference."

Prior to this year's visits, the Special Duty Assignments Unit, Enlisted Assignments Branch, identified more than 9,000 Marines eligible for recruiting duty.

The number will diminish as commands screen these Marines for independent duty.

With operational tempo a high priority throughout the Corps, the intent is to minimize any operational impact during the HRST screening process.

Therefore, it is imperative that parent commands properly screen all individuals identified by MMEA prior to the upcoming visits.

A tour on recruiting duty can enhance a Marine's career and make them more competitive for promotion. However, there are several other benefits for recruiters that are enticing.

Recruiters receive the highest special duty assignment pay, are non-deployable for three years and can apply for duty station preference upon the successful completion of their tour.

"Recruiting duty is one of the most rewarding jobs in the Marine Corps," Gilly said.

For more information regarding the recruiter screening process contact your local career retention specialist.

Strong children, strong families for ready future: Station DEFY awarded for time in service

Sgt. Andrew W. Miller
correspondent

The Station Drug Education for Youth program recently received the "Length of Service Award" for years 2002-2004 at this year's DEFY conference in Reno, Nev., Feb. 14-18, making New River the only installation in the Marine Corps to receive this award.

The Length of Service Award is given to installations that maintain the DEFY program for three, five and ten years consecutively.

This year marks the program's fourth consecutive year here at the Station Youth Center. The program is headed by Shantell C. Britt, Station DEFY coordinator, and Karen S. Slack, Station DEFY camp director.

DEFY is a free-of-charge, self-esteem building program that provides children with the tools they need to resist drugs, gangs and alcohol. The motto of DEFY is "Strong children strong families for a ready future," according to the program's Web site, www.hq.navy.mil/defy/.

Its mission is to provide commanders with a drug-demand-

reduction program that facilitates and enhances family readiness to promote mission accomplishment.

The program develops youths through drug education, leadership and character development, positive-role-model mentoring, and community outreach to enhance the quality of life of military personnel and their families.

According to the Web site, the goal of DEFY is to help 9-12 year olds develop character, leadership and confidence so they are equipped to engage in positive, healthy lifestyles as drug-free citizens who have the necessary skills to be successful in their lives through coordinated community participation, commitment and leadership.

For eight days during the Summer and once per month after that, children here gather for these educational periods at the Youth Center.

"Some of the topics we cover are culture, nutrition, community service, leadership and peer pressure," said Britt, native of Jacksonville, N.C. "Each topic we discuss is reverted back to drug education."

Because the six staff members

conducting the Station's DEFY program have only had approximately 15-20 children per year, Britt also takes the opportunity to speak about drug prevention with classes at Delalio Elementary School here when time permits.

"We really try to make this a base effort," said Slack, native of Holly, Mich. "We want to get as many children involved in drug education as possible."

She said the coordination involved for classes and field trips wouldn't have been possible without full support from the Station Commanding Officer Col. Stephen L. Forand.

"We would like to thank the CO because without his permission and support, we could never have done this," Slack explained.

Britt and Slack presented the award to the CO on Monday as a gesture of gratitude.

The next DEFY camp scheduled will take place from July 25-29 and Aug. 1-3. Applications will be taken on a first come, first serve basis for both children, who must be ages 9-12, and for mentors.

For more information, call Britt at 449-6711 or Slack at 449-5259.

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Headquarters Squadron Marine awarded Athlete of Year

Lance Cpl. Jeffrey A. Cosola
correspondent

An officer assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron was named the Station Athlete of the Year at the New River Fitness Center gymnasium March 29.

Captain Jimmy S. Hicks, airfield operations officer and Macon, Ga., native, was awarded on the strength of his contributions to the intramural sports program, his involvement with the New River Men's Varsity Softball Team, and his dedication to volunteer work in the community, said Nancy Stankowski, Marine Corps Community Services athletic director and Beaufort, S.C., native.

"He's a very outgoing person and an outstanding Marine," said Stankowski. "He always steps up and offers to help and is wonderful to work with."

Hicks serves as the assistant coach of the varsity softball team that has won three gold medals and one silver medal in the last five East Coast Regional Championships and was a 2004 selectee for the Southern States Association of America Armed Forces World Softball Tournament.

"It means a whole lot due to the fact that I'm being recognized," said Hicks. "Although, I couldn't have gotten here without the team. They're worthy of the same recognition."

Hicks has been a volunteer coach at New River as well as at New Bridge Middle School and was the recipient of an Armed Forces "Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal" in 2004.

"Coaching is the most rewarding experience," said Hicks. "Teaching children the fundamentals of the game, it's amazing to me how much progress they can make throughout the year."

Hicks was also the 2004 New River Intramural Horseshoe Champion and volunteered in the 2004 Marine Corps Celebrity Invitational Golf tournament and credits his Corps values as one of his keys to athletic success.

"It's a special honor to represent the Marine Corps and carry yourself as such," said Hicks. "Using the Marine Corps values, honor and good sportsmanship, are what it's all about."

Hicks participates in virtually every intramural sport offered and lives with his wife Dawn and their three children.



Sgt. Andrew W. Miller

Capt. Jimmy S. Hicks chips his ball onto the green during the Marine Corps Celebrity Invitational Golf Tournament at Paradise Point Golf Course Sept. 22 on Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, N.C.



Lance Cpl. Jeffrey A. Cosola

Hicks' volunteer work helped him earn the 2005 Athlete of the Year Award presented March 29.



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Hicks receives the Athlete of the Year award from New River Commanding Officer Col. Stephen L. Forand at the New River Fitness Center gymnasium March 29.

John Gunn's military sports highlights

Baseball stars honored by the Ted Williams Museum

Baseball fans received a treat. Five-time National League All-Star George Foster, Cy Young Award winner Ferguson Jenkins and last year's Hitters Hall of Fame inductee Monte Irvin made a special appearance at the Ted Williams Museum, greeting fans and signing autographs.

All proceeds went to support the Ted Williams Museum of Hernando, Fla., and its scholarship fund, plus the Ferguson Jenkins Foundation.

Fans came and reminisced about the glory days of these great players and had some pictures autographed to remember the exciting day. For pictures from this event, call up Baseball Greats Visit Museum on the Ted Williams Web site.

The 12th annual Ted Williams Museum induction ceremony in Ft. Myers, Fla., also was a success. The 2005's Hitters Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony was held at the Harborside Event Center in historic downtown Ft. Myers. More than 600 people enjoyed the evening with many Champions of Baseball.

"It was, without exception, one of the best Induction Ceremonies we've had," said an official.

John W. Henry, principal owner of the World Champion Boston Red Sox, was in attendance to receive this year's Ted Williams Lifetime Achievement Award.

Originally, and perhaps a bit ironically, John Henry grew up as a devoted fan of the St. Louis Cardinals. Indeed, some of his passion for working with numbers may have been inspired by figuring batting averages while listening to Cardinals radio broadcasts from his family's farmhouses in Arkansas and Illinois.

Henry became an immensely successful commodities trader, one of the leaders in his field. He has invested money, time, talent and passion in the Boston Red Sox, and within three years saw that investment pay off in a World Championship, the first for the Red Sox since World War I.

Also attending were Larry Lucchino, president of the Red Sox, along with Dr. Charles Steinberg, vice president, Public Affairs. Also joining were the Tampa Bay Devil Rays' co-owner and chief executive officer, Marine veteran Vince Naimoli, and Jack Hillerich from Louisville Slugger.

Cy Young Award winner Jenkins was inducted into the Ted Williams Museum Hall

of Great Achievement and honored to be included with some of baseball's greatest players. A member of the National Baseball Hall of Fame since 1991, Jenkins has impeccable credentials.

A control artist as a pitcher, Jenkins is the only member of the extremely exclusive "3,000 strikeout club" to have surrendered fewer than 1,000 bases on balls. Jenkins is most closely identified with the Chicago Cubs, for whom he pitched seven-plus seasons.

He set the modern Cubs record with 236 K's in 1967, then broke his record three years in a row. He was a two-time All-Star, who led the National League in strikeouts in 1969 with 273. In 1971, Jenkins won the Cy Young Award in the National League. Jenkins won 284 major-league ballgames.

Five-time National League All-Star George Foster was inducted into the Ted Williams Hitters Hall of Fame. He was a key member of Cincinnati's Big Red Machine. A five-time All-Star, Foster led the National League in RBI from 1976-78, and in home runs in 1977 and '78. Winning the RBI title three years in a row tied a major-league record.

In 1977, Foster was voted the Most

Valuable Player in the National League. A veteran of 18 seasons of major-league baseball, and over 7,000 at-bats, he batted .274 lifetime with 348 home runs and 1,239 RBI. He retired 10th in grand slams with 13. Red Sox fans will remember him from his epic battles with the Red Sox in the 1975 World Series.

This year's Most Productive Hitter Awards went to Manny Ramirez (Red Sox) for the American League, and Albert Pujols (St. Louis Cardinals) for the National League. Hall of Famer Brooks Robinson of the Baltimore Orioles was honored with "The Splendid Splinter" Award.

The Rookies of the Year for 2004 were Jason Bay of the Pittsburgh Pirates and Bobby Crosby of the Oakland Athletics.

In addition, Ted's teammates Navy veteran Dom DiMaggio, Bobby Doerr and Navy veteran Johnny Pesky were enshrined forever in a permanent display case at the Museum.

Editors Note: Gunn is a member of the Marine Corps Combat Correspondent Assn., Marine Corps Intelligence Assn., Marine Corps Aviation Assn., Marine Corps Heritage Foundation and Naval Aviation Museum.

Workhorses go at it 'hot and heavy'

Sgt. Juan Vara
contributor

AL ASAD, Iraq -- The Marines from the Heavy Equipment Platoon of Marine Wing Support Squadron-271 are doing it again.

The warfighters are building berms to enclose new fuel bladders near one of the runways here, which will become the new site for hot refueling.

The runway where aircraft are currently being fueled with their engines running, a practice often referred to as 'hot refueling,' is scheduled to shut down.

"We're actually going to be done before the current runway (used for hot refueling) is closed," said Chief Warrant Officer Todd L. McAllister, platoon commander. "It's going to be a smooth transition, and there won't be any downtime on capabilities."

Taking advantage of as much daylight as they can, the Marines play it safe by wearing their fragmentation-protection armored vests. Though this may safeguard them in case of an indirect fire attack, it also raises the mercury a few notches, causing the temperature to almost become unbearable.

All their effort and dedication have paid off, and they've annihilated the timeline given; the project should be done almost a week ahead of schedule.

"We're working pretty hard," said McAllister. "They mostly stay busy, and that's good for the Marines in the platoon; that way they'll know how things are going

to be if we have to work 24 hours a day."

Building fuel berms is not an easy task and involves several platoons of the Workhorses squadron.

Marines from Engineers Platoon survey the area and put stakes on the ground to mark where the inside perimeter of the berm needs to be.

Before Marines from Motor Transport Platoon can truck the stockpiling material, heavy equipment Marines level and compact the surface, then build the berm and add finishing touches that will help prevent dirt from flying around when the helicopter rotors are spinning.

According to McAllister, when heavy equipment Marines are not deployed, they're mostly assigned to provide forklift support.

Lance Cpl. Jacob P. Mills, a heavy equipment operator, rips and dozes stockpiling material for the fuel berms.

"Every little bit is in support of the needs of the planes," he said.

The dump trucks take an average of 60 to 70 loads of stockpiling material near the flightline every day throughout the construction. Almost 3,000 cubic yards of stockpiling material had to be hauled for the project to be finished.

Lance Cpl. Casey J. Lazaruk, is a self-proclaimed 'master sculptor' of fuel berms.

"The aftermath of looking back and being able to say 'I did that and my name is written on the top' motivates me," said Lazaruk.

It is time for children

Cmdr. Fred Hilder

Marine Aircraft Group-29 chaplain



It has been said that the most precious words a child can hear his or her father say are, "I love your mother;" and vice versa. The security of an emotionally safe home, revolving around a healthy, committed marriage, can never be overstated.

With many spouses living in conflict, the divorce rate continuing to be high, and with great numbers of children born of single women, the home is not always the example of a marriage that reflects the loving image of God's grace as it was designed to. But always there remains the children.

Psychologist Dr. James Dobson once told a Christmas Eve story about a little girl who was trying desperately to wrap a small box with gold foil wrapping paper. Her father walked in and scolded her harshly for wasting so much of this expensive paper. The next morning the happy little girl excitedly presented her father with the awkwardly wrapped gift. He opened it only to find an empty box, and in a chastising voice said, "There's nothing here!" His daughter's smile drooped, and with heavy sadness told him, "Daddy, I filled it with kisses, just for you." The father knew instantly that he had hurt her with his insensitivity, so taking her up in his arms, he hugged his daughter and told her how very much he loved her.

Parents, married and single, we must be about raising our children with affection, tenderness and understanding.

Gary Smalley and John Trent recently wrote an important book for parents called "Leaving the Light

On." Their premise is, if we treat our children properly, we can build the memories that make a home and family they will always want to be a part of.

Smalley and Trent teach that the most important way to raise a child, and to love a spouse, is to treasure them. According to the authors, treasuring our children will also teach them to value others.

The five suggestions they offer are: tell them how valuable they are to you; make an unconditional commitment to them for life; schedule special times with the family; communicate that you are available to your children, both during scheduled and unscheduled times; make yourself accountable to a friend or a small group to follow through in this crucial matter of treasuring.

I will end in a quote from the same book:

"Your home may never have all the goodies, gadgets and material 'treasures' you've wished for and wanted over the years. Your residence may never make the pages of 'House Beautiful,' and your story may never be told on 'The Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous.' But have no doubt, there is treasure, real treasure, in the homes of those who turn against the current of popular culture and determine to place high value on God and their family. Whether your home is large or small, it's a home your children will always return to in their memories....if you remember to leave the light on."

Memorial Chapel Services

Catholic 9 a.m.
Protestant 11 a.m.

For more information
call the Memorial
Chapel at 449-6801.



Dr. Caner to make pilgrimage to Station



courtesy photo

Doctor Ergun Caner is slated to speak at the Station Memorial Chapel on April 15 at 7 p.m. A free dinner is being offered at the chapel to all servicemembers, retirees and families at 6 p.m. Members of the Jacksonville community are welcome to attend the event. Caner is known as the "intellectual pit bull of the evangelical world," according to his Web site, www.erguncaner.com. For more information or to reserve a seat at the event, call the Memorial Chapel at 449-6801.

Marine Family Service Center

AA Meetings

Each Monday
11:50 a.m. - 12:50 p.m.

MFSC now has Alcoholics Anonymous meetings every Monday. These meetings are open to alcoholics and non-alcoholics.

Retired Affairs

Each Wednesday and Friday
8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

The retired affairs representative can provide retired service members and their spouses with information regarding benefits, entitlements, privileges and legal assistance. No appointments necessary.

Play Morning

Each Thursday
9:30 - 11 a.m.
Youth Community Center

Play morning is a time for Mom and Dad to have fun with their children age six and under. Come play with us! For more information, please call the New Parent Support Program at 451-5286.

Keystone Meetings for Teens

Each 1st and 3rd Friday
6 - 7 p.m.

This is a Boys and Girls Club Program that offers an opportunity to gain leadership skills, participate in and earn community service hours as well as social activities. Come voice suggestions and plan events.

On the third Friday of each month, a teen-selected prevention topic is presented.

Power Hour

Every Afternoon
4 - 5 p.m.

This is an education program implemented by the Boys and Girls Clubs of America to help students excel in school. Power Hour means that everyday after school, members will have a special place that is quiet and private to do their homework. Someone will be on hand to help members who have questions or need help understanding their homework. Tutoring is also available and can be scheduled on a weekly or daily basis.

Raising Children in a Non-Violent Home

April 12
Part 1
1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Learn conflict resolution and how the

media is affecting children through role-playing exercises and practical techniques.

Transition Assistance Program

April 13 and 14
8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

This is a two-day, career-options workshop which helps assess knowledge, skills and abilities and apply military acquired skills in the civilian employment sector. Topics include resume preparation, job search, interview skills, dress standards, job negotiations and much more. Pre-registration required through the unit transition counselors.

Kids With Deployed Parents Workshop

April 14
3:30 - 5 p.m.

This is a workshop for kids to get together, talk and make crafts to send to their deployed parent. Come join us for a fun time.

Pre-Separation Brief

April 20
7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

This mandated brief covers all required information for the service member and

spouse separating from the military way of life. Topics discussed include: pay entitlements, Veterans Affairs benefits, financial management, educational opportunities, transportation of household goods, job service and more. Pre-registration is mandatory through the unit transition counselors.

Welcome Aboard Brief

May 3
8 - 11:30 a.m.

Those new to the Jacksonville area can attend a Welcome Aboard Brief at the Enlisted Club. They will have the opportunity to hear presentations from a variety of agencies, including Family Services, MCAS Branch Medical, Jacksonville Police Department, the United Services Organization and many more.

Following the briefs and information fair, stay for lunch and an afternoon bus tour of the area.

For more information on programs or to pre-register for one of the classes, please call 449-6110/6185 or visit the Web site at www.lejeune.usmc.mil/mcasnr/fsc/fschome.htm.

Station Theater Movies

April 6 - April 20

Day/Date	Time	Title	Rating	Length
Wed. April 6	9 a.m.	Hitch	PG-13	118 min.
	7 p.m.	Hotel Rwanda	PG-13	120 min.
Fri. April 8	7 p.m.	Cursed	PG-13	97 min.
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Sat. April 9	7 p.m.	Cursed	PG-13	97 min.
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Sun. April 10	3 p.m.	Because of Winn Dixie	PG	106 min.
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LCTV-10 Schedule



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Air Force News	8:30 a.m., 4:30 p.m., 12:30 a.m.
Your Corps	9 a.m., 5 p.m., 1 a.m.
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Navy/Marine Corps News.....	1 p.m., 9 p.m., 5 a.m.
University of Wisconsin-Madison.....	1:30 p.m., 9:30 p.m., 5:30 a.m.
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24th MEU remembers fallen brothers



Cpl. Sarah A. Beavers

Marines of the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit stand behind memorial displays for their fallen comrades as families place flowers and flags beside the displays to honor the Marines lost during the MEU's tour of Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom II.



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Family members of a fallen Marine from the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit place flowers as they kneel by a memorial display to honor their family member lost during the MEU's tour of Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom II.

Staff Sgt. Demetrio J. Espinosa
contributor

Thirteen months ago the Marines and sailors of the 24th Marine Expeditionary came together at W.P.T. Hill Field to begin a journey that would take them through an accelerated predeployment training schedule and a turbulent tour in Iraq.

They returned to the same spot March 31, this time in the company of family and friends, to honor the 15 Marines who were killed during the MEU's deployment.

"It's only fitting that we here today go through our final roll call in the same place we started," said Col. Ron Johnson, commanding officer of the 24th MEU, at a memorial service.

"Nobody, but nobody, could have given finer men than these 15 Marines."

The afternoon ceremony began under darkening clouds adding to the somber mood of the assembly. Although rain was expected, it held out until after the ceremony.

Cmdr. Benedict Brown, chaplain for Battalion Landing Team 1st Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, gave his blessing over the ceremony, reflected on the deaths of the Marines, and offered his advice on dealing with the loss.

"We come to grips with evil and pain today. Our hearts are heavy as we confront the fact that 15 of our own have been taken from us," he said. "Religion and faith cannot tell us why things like this happen, but it does tell us what to do about it. We are first to realize that we are not alone in our grief. Secondly, we are to remember in specific ways those for whom we grieve."

Brown also said that at a gathering like this, it is important to remember that the nation grieves with us.

"Honorable people everywhere share our sorrow, our pride, our remembrance. I submit to you also that these 15 fallen heroes are with us, too. They continue to be with us as we continue to memorialize, that is, remember them."

Following the invocation, a formation of Marines came forward to make the 15 rifle, boot and helmet displays. Each display was also adorned with the identification tags of each Marine. Once the displays were complete, Col. Ron Johnson, 24th MEU commanding officer, spoke a few words about each Marine, his grief audible in his voice.

"All of these men are America's finest," he said. "And I am humbled to stand here on this ground and be with them. This is our final roll call, and we will never forget them."

According to Johnson, Cpl. Barton K. Humlhanz, field Military Policeman with MEU Service Support Group 24, epitomized the dedication that all the fallen men displayed.

"Cpl Humlhanz was an MP. He was on a patrol. Cpl. Humlhanz was just an example of these 15 Marines. He didn't whimper, he didn't cry. Though he was wounded, he reassured his base that he was going to make it and continued the action," said Johnson.

Following Johnson's comments, a rifle detachment fired a 21-gun salute to the fallen Marines, and two trumpets echoed taps to honor them.

When all was done, the cloudy sky broke into a slight mist, mirroring the eyes of the Marines, sailors, family and friends in attendance. It also brought to an end the MEU's eventful deployment.



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Members of the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit render a "21-Gun" salute in order to honor the fallen Marines who were lost during the MEU's tour of Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom II.



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Colonel Ron Johnson, Commanding Officer of the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit, salutes while honors are rendered to the 15 Marines lost during the MEU's tour of Iraq at the MEU's memorial service which honored each of the 15 Marines lost during the MEU's tour of Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom II. The memorial took place at W.P.T. Hill Field, Camp Lejeune, N.C.



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A family member of a fallen Marine from the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit kneels by a memorial display to honor their family member lost during the MEU's tour of Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom II.